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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Y. MIDORIKAWA et al.

Serial No. : 10/722,943

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For : AUTOMOTIVE PASSENGER RESTRAINT AND  
PROTECTION APPARATUS

Art Unit : 3618

Examiner : BOTTORFF, CHRISTOPHER


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**RESPONSE- 37 CFR 1.111**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
October 29, 2004.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect Species II (Figs. 44-48), for  
further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

**CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES**

The claims readable on elected Species II are claims 2-17.

Applicants have informed the undersigned that the original  
inventorship is still correct for the elected subject matter.

A Divisional Application will be filed in due course for the  
subject matter of the non-elected species.

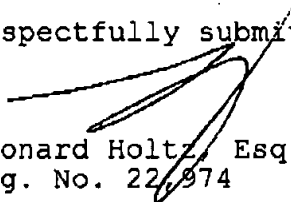
It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

November 29, 2004

  
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